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SUBJECT: IRAQ'S AGREEMENT WITH COMECON

1. NO DETAILS RELEASED HERE CONCERNING IRAQ'S ACCORD WITH COMECON REPORTEDLY SIGNED IN MOSCOW ON JULY 4. ACCORD RECEIVED MINIMAL PRESS COVERAGE AND ONLY ICP TARIQ ASH-SHAAB HAD EDITORIAL (LAVISHLY PRAISING IT).

2. MFA DIRGEN OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS TOLD DUTCH CHARGE THAT ACCORD WAS "TO REGULATE IRAQ'S TRADE RELATIONS" WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WOULD GIVE IRAQ OBSERVER STATUS.

3. COMMENT: OUR TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT IS THAT ACCORD WAS CONCLUDED FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND HAS LITTLE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE. IT CAN BE SEEN AS A FAIRLY HARMLESS WAY FOR REGIME TO TRY TO SILENCE ITS DOMESTIC CRITICS ON THE LEFT IN FACE OF RAPIDLY EXPANDING WESTERN ECONOMIC PRESENCE (BAGHDAD 742). PRESUMABLY, IT IS ALSO SOMETHING MOSCOW DESIRED, PERHAPS AS ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ITS ASSOCIATION WITH IRAQ IS STILL THRIVING DESPITE MOST EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY.

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